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1 The Soviets are preparing a gigantic defense region from the Bay of Luebeck, Germany, to Petsamo on the USSR-Norwegian border. In the former German area now under Polish administration, the Poles have ceded to the Russians a coastal belt 50 kilometers deep for this purpose. All residents of the belt not working on the fortifications are being evacuated into the interior. A similar report has been received for the Mecklenburg coast, between Luebeck and Greifswald. The headquarters for the entire construction enterprise is located in Swinemünde, under the command of Admiral Gjolgiliev (sic).

2. The following harbors are to be equipped as submarine bases and rocket launching sites: Wismar, Rostock, Barth, Warnemuende, Greifswald, Stralsund, Sassnitz, Binz, Swinemuende, Stettin, Wolgast, Deep, Kolberg, Stolpmuende, Danzig, Zoppot, Pillau, Rauschen, Cranz, Memel, and Liebau. An electrically charged barbed wire entanglement is stretched all the way from Pillau (Soviet-administered East Prussia) to the former Baltic states. Unobserved landing there is impossible. Liebau harbor (Latvian SSR), a base for Soviet submarines and fl unit, is off limits and under heavy guard for a radius of 20 kilometers.

3. The Soviets have strong patrols with radar-equipped cutters in the coastal waters of the former Baltic states. Every fishing boat, even outside the twelve mile limit, is carefully searched. [REDACTED]

[redacted] is located 9 - 11 kilometers north at Palanga (Lithuania) on the flat sand dunes, about 200 - 300 meters inland.

[redacted] have about 150 serviceable submarines in the Baltic. German scientists, who up to now worked on Polish-occupied territory for the Russians, have been evacuated to the interior of the Soviet Union.

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